



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held June 5, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Yesterday, I learned that the County Department of Health Services is not honoring Medicare Part D prescription coverage for the elderly citizens of this County. In light of the current healthcare crisis and the growing complexity of the delivery of healthcare, this fragile population often experiences undue burdens when attempting to access healthcare services to which every citizen should be entitled. While I recognize that the administration of Medicare Part D may be complicated, such administrative complexities should not negate our duty to provide adequate care to our patients.

“Additionally, this County has been advised by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to increase enrollment of Medicare participants in our healthcare system. Clearly, the County’s choice to exclude Medicare Part D prescription coverage could discourage such participation.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer, in concert with the Director of Health Services, was directed to take the following actions:

1. Immediately reassess and amend, as necessary, the existing policy which excludes Medicare Part D prescription coverage; and
2. Report back to the Board within 15 days with any findings and recommendations.

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